COLUMBIA.

Thursday Morning, Aug. 17, 1865.

Under Which King, Bezonian!

We give a series of test questions, which we find submitted to candidates in the Alabama newspapers. These questions may or may not be of importance to the people. But the question, first, is whether there is a people or not. We are told that the elections are pronounced void in Virginia, by the military authorities, because men who were old secessionists have been elected. How have they been elected? Were they not pardoned-did they not become loyal citizens by the oath -have they not been granted terms of citizenship, and what does citizenship imply? Is not amnesty a wiping out of old scores? If denied the rights of citizenship, after taking the oath, of tion of civil authority is still subordinate to the ipsi dixit of martial law. of what use a Provisional Governor? And if the President of the United States confers a power which the military authorities will not respect where are the people to look for authority? We ask these questions in a perfect state of bewilderment. Let us know who to obey. Let us know where the authority lies. We are prepared to be submissive; but really, in this conflict of authority, one knows not where to turn. We do not complain. We only ask to know. Obeying one authority we may oftend another. Where is the authority? What is the law? "We have the freedom of the ballot box." the Governor tells us! "Go and vote," says Domocracy. Well, we go and vote. We vote for Dick Smith. Dick Smith is the tamons fellow that swallowed the broad-axe. Is Dick Smith ineligible to office? Not a bit of it. He was a secessionist, was Dick. Poor Dick! He voted, once upon a time, for Jeff. Davis, or Mr. Foote. Well, he repented of his sin. "If you repent," says the proclamation, "you are saved." You have put yourself right in court. You can come to the communion table as before. And so Dick votes or is voted for, "but," says Capt. Martinet, "you were a pestilent secessionist some time ago, and you shot at me with a Minnie bullet at Getty sburg, or you voted for Dick Smith who did the shooting. Your vote is wall and void. The election if null and void. Your repen tance is not worth a dash! Your eath is a farce. You must do this election business over again, and see that you vote according to your consciencesfor the person whom we please." Let us have all this matter adjusted one way or another. Either Gov. Perry has authority or not, from the President of the United States, for calling upon the people to give their untrammelled votes, according to the ideas of Republicanism, or he has not. Gov. Perry must see to it and save us harmless. He must daly ascertain for us what our privileges are, and whether we are to have the ballot or not. If not, we do det complain. We are still submissive. care not a straw for the privilege, or about the denial of it. We only desire! It. w what is expected at our leands, and what is allowed us. We simply wish to escape error, and we demand of Gov. Ferry to ascertain his status and ours in season, that we may waste no unnecessary time or temper on the subject.

Had Goy. Perry, for example, au-. thority to order an election for member of a convention? Was he autherized to set the wheels of civil and judicial authority in motion? Was he right or wrong in instructing the judges to resume their functions toroughout the State at the earliest moment? It is surely easy to ascertain these things. Is it not the duty York News, each of the 19th instant, of Gov. Perry to bring these doubts from both of which we make selections.

and queries to a prompt solution? Is it not encumbent upon him to procure from the President a clear declaration on these subjects? A brief proclamation will do it. But if he has ened and been premature-and we can hardly think so, coming, as he does, from a personat conference with the President-then he should put himself right, and put us right, with all possible expedition, so that harm may come to neither. It is not to be expected that the military government will forego its exercise of authority, unless it shall receive official instructions to this effect directly from the Government at Washington. They will not recognize the proclamation of the Provisional Governor until distinetly instructed to do so by the paramount authority of the United States Government. All we ask is that that authority shall declare itself, as soon as possible, one way or the other. It is all idle to be talking about elections confer of privilege? And if the military may supersede the ballet box what is suffrage? And if the required to the bayonet. It is absured to require the bayonet. sition of the bayonet. It is absurd to require the judges of the Courts of General Sessions and of Common Pleas, to issue their venire, when we may have a conflict between their jurisdiction and that of the military courts. That we should, as soon as possible, have our courts and grand juries in session, is called for by the condition of the country. The security of persons and property. the adjustment of claims and rights. the support of the republic-these, all, demand an early resumption of all the civil offices and duties of the State. But if the Government of the United States shall decle otherwise, for the time, or for any length of time, the people are submissive. All that they demand is simply to know what to do and what to forbear, and whom to obey, and that they shall not be with the excitements of elections and mocked the commands of conflicting authorities—There is no commotion among the people. They are eminently pacific; subdired in tone and temper to the color of the infortunes. They feel and behave as a subjugated people, conscious the fley exist and possess only under the will of the United States Government. Any reports or representations which would show them in any other aspec', are false and without the slightest foundation. The people are without arms and ammunition. There are no assemblages of that derything was done that the them. There is no combination. When skill of his physical (Dr. McClellan) must needs be so, especially, when they are struggling for the means of they are struggling for the mean life and suffering from the spoil rion of their fields and gardens. But such Saturday the President pardened Bisnop Lynch, of South Carolina, Edwe, Raly, 1988, Cora A.

their oaths. s loyal citizens.

But we have said enough. Briefly to recapitulate—let us know what is status what is expected at our hands. Is Gov. Perry authorized conf r power on the courts to gall a convention of the people—to order rections—to restore the State to the Union by the well-known laws of the republic Here follow the queries of the Ala-

bama papers, which, of course, are mere impertinences, if, when the vote is east, it is discovered that Dick Smith is incompetent as a voter, and ineligible as a candidate for office:

1st. Are you or not in favor of a free Constitution, and how will you vote on this subject?

2d. Are you or not in favor of the disfranchisement of all who have been excluded from amnesty by the Presi-

3d. Will you advocate, if elected to the Convention, the immediate or mancipation of slavery

4th. Are you or not in favor of ex-tending the elective franchise to the negro under any circumstances? If so, what circumstances?

Theodore * D. Wagner. - We 'are glad to learn that this noble gentleman has received the pardon of the President of the United States, and is now expurged of all his offences.

THE NEW ERA .- We have received the fourth number of a new weekly paper, with this title, just established in Darlington. It is a next sheet, published by John W. Tarbox and Edited by B. F. Whittemore.

New York Dates .- We are in receipt of the ! w York World and New Tidings Through Charleston.

We have our files of the Charleston Courier to the 14th, from which we make notes and selections. The Couvier discusses Mexico and her future, and whether we shall interfere in her affairs or not. That we shall interfere, we have no sort of doubt. We have never been slow to interfere, and, inflated with the consciousness of extraordinary power, we shall never 'be done with interfering until we have kicked out the soles of our prosperity. For the people of the South, we have but to say one word-attend to your own affairs, and you will do wisely and find enough to do. We have more works on hand, to recover our own prespecity, than our sons will be able to accomplish in the next fifty years. Let us encourage no scheme or policy of national aggrandizement at the expense of the national peace or our own. The best policy for us now is to address all our own thoughts and energies to home—to the respectation of our own wretched fortunes, and the placing our people in that state of scenrity which is the first essential of prosperity. Mexico is a problem, the solution of which is in the hands of a greater power than ours. If we always keep in mind that God is perfect law. that he has founded all laws for man need to obey the law ourselves and keep off all trespassors. The welfare of Mexico, just as ours, depends upon the degree in which we obey the eternal laws of Providence. All her pains and penalties, and all ours, have cerned simply from curneglect of or disobedience of law.

DEATH OF REV. SAMUEL TOWNSHIND. The Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, of August 1, contains the following in relation to the death of this wellknown and much respected citizen:

"We are pained to learn of the death of the Rev. Samuel Townsend, of Columbia, S. C., which occurred last evening, at the Merchants' Holel, in this city. Mr. Townsend was of the firm of Townsend & North, of Columbia, and, prior to the war, was well known in this vity and elsewhere as an upright, enterprising basiness man, At the close of the rebellion he came orth, with the view of resuming his business relations; was seized with a severe illness, which, after some three days' duration, terminated tatally. It will be gratifying to his family to know they meet, it is in open day, in the sould suggest to a cert the fatal result, sight and hearing of United States and that, through the kindness of his garrisons. It may be that some of friends and a quaintances here, during grarisons. It may be that some of friends and a quadintances here, during them murraur in their impatience. It this, his last illness, he received all must needs be so converielle when needful attention."

> now in Rome, Italy. Less. Corn A. Slocum, Ida Slocum and Airs. Caroline A. S. Urquhart, of New Orleans, were also pardoned. The confiscated estat. 3 of Mrsi/Slocum was restored to her on the recommendation of Gen.

Gen. Hartwell has been robbed of his valise, containing documents as well as personal effects, while en route from Hilton Head to Charleston. The virtuous practicioners of the country have no respect for officials of what-

The 55th Massachusetts Volunteers (colored) and the 1st Ohio Volunteer Cavalry are about to be mustered out of the service. The former regiment, under the command of Gen. Hartwell, has hitherto been stationed at Orange-

The Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church were to have met for consultation at Columbus, Georgia, on the loth.

Nine burglars were arrested in Charleston last week, viz: John Rauter, H. Wadderhold, Henry Weish, John Watson, Nelson Kirk, Henry Nelson and John McGninness. The two first named are persons eminent in the profession. The others are in the profession. obscure-merely commencing their career. Their arrest is unfortunate, perhaps, in abridging their opportunities for attaining perfection in their

A daily line of backs has been established to ply between Abbeville, C. H., South Carolina, and Washington, Georgia.

GOLD-IN NEW YORK .- The New York H raid of the 10th says the opening quotations yesterday were 141 g, followed by a decline to 1433, and a subequent rally to 1437, a 144, at which it closed. The strainer Costa Rica, from Aspinwall brought 8721,-034 in gold.

THE PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN Local Items.

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THE CONCERTIFICALE, on Tuesday night, went off with considerable eclat. There was a fill house, and the young ladies were out, strong in beauty and in number. The success of the performance was unquestionsble. All parties did well, and several of the songs were encored. For a first attempt in our city, after the general Shermanizing, it was quite a success. The experiment, thus encouraged, will no doubt be repeated, and with a programme of greater and frenher varieties.

EPODEMICS IN COLUMNIA.-AWIT CHORICS reach us of a terrible opidemic, or several terrible epidemies, prevailing in Columbia, of which (here) we are as utienly ignorant as if we were in Kamachatias. We are told that certain backwoods viliages and prociness are dreadfully exercised touching our lamentable condition, especially as it is dis-covered that the farmers and planters are still pressing hither to our markets—now still pressing hither to cur markels—now still pressing hither to cur markels—now crowded with all the good things of the rest of the world. Let them come without fear. The only mortality is among the mules, overborne by the immense weight of wasching and wagon leads from Inibet, inules, overborne by the immense weapit of wagoning and wagon leads from Thibet, Coenin China, the Persian Culf, Timbuctoo, New York, Beston, Charieston and other foreign lands, fancus for study, and wares, and charities, of which the lose caid the better for all parties.

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NEW ADVERTIGATION IN - Attention is called to, the following neverthements, which are published for the first time this morning:

J. N. Robson - Choice Goeds, H. W. Rice - School Notice, George Chissian - To Travelers, Durbee & Walter - Variety Sale, Jacob Levin - Cow and Call, etc. lichard Caldwell - Batter, Lard, &c. P. F. Cuttino - Last 1. Section 1

INTERNAL REVENUE DECISION .- The Commissioner of Internal Ecvenue makes the following decisions public. Monthly returns of insurance comparities need not include premium

A builder's or contractor's licence covers his business if he makes no article subject to duty as a manufacture; but if he makes such tarticles to an amount exceeding one thousand dollars annually, he must also have a license as a manufacturer. In such a cuse the amount of business covered by the manufacturer's license may be deducted from the gross amount of

A duly licensed commercial broker A duly becaused commercial broker may negotiate a sale of liquors from one dealer to another without additional license; but if at eny time the liquors shall be in his custody or under his contact, he will require a license as a liquor dealer on account of such negotiations of sale.

Linder the statistics of Kontralia.

Under the statutes of Kentucky, a lien is retained upon land conveyed for the payment of purchase sum, if in any way the amount remaining unpeta appears in the deed. If notes for such unpaid sums are also given, the notes are liable to stemp daty.

COUNTERFRITS -Counterfeit fives of the National banks are in circulation. The color of the paper is a little paler than the genuine. They are, however, easily detected by observing the pozition of the letter "T" in the word "This," in the line reading, "This note is secured by bonds of." The "T" in the genuine is over the left portion of the letter "I" in "United," while in the counterfeit it is further to the left, over the middle of the "N" of the

same word.

There are also counterfeit ones, Treasury notes. We have, however, seen no description of them as yet. [Cincinnati Enquirer.

The Atlantic cable, only half payed out, is effectually played out, for the present. It breathes no longer. has uttered its last speech and has no more to say. The experiment seems

PARDONS BECOMING FASY—QUEER DOINGS.—Robert E. Lee and his two sons have applied to the President for pardon, and they will get it, too. Dick Taylor came to Washington to ask permission to go to France with a view to expatriate view to expatriation. The Fretident would not hinder him from going our advised him to remain, take the paths of allegiance, apply for a pardon, and then so cack to Louisiana, and use his influence in restoring the national harmony upon the basis of the extingation of elevery. After a long interview, during which he introduced the late vice-president mamin, who happaned to enter the executive chamber, to the concustor of N. P. Ezniz, the son of old Zack promised to consider the subject. On Friday last, he complied with the President's suggestions and weits his pardon. By-the-way, I may mention that Dick remarked to of his friends, if the President would pardon him he could and would with partial time is could and work give him the vote of Louisians for re-election. Of course this was said in badinage. Dich is a chip of the old clock, short, thich and studby. I do not vouch for the truth of this goscip, but it comes to me through such chair-nels that I credit its substance. I give it as a straw. I may add that when Dick expressed a desire to keep his feet—for he has had incipient paralysis -a distinguished Senator, to whom he made the remark, replied that he had better be looking after his neck. Dick wants the President to let him visit Jeff. Davis, Dick's brother-inlaw, but the request will not be granted till acted upon in Cabinet.

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